

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, claims 1, 4-8, 10-11, 13-17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lundagards (U.S. Patent No. 5,692,722)(previously cited); and claim 18 was "objected to". The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Support for the claim amendments can be found at FIG. 2. Claims 1, 4-8, 10-11 and 13-19 are pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Lundagards fails to discuss a supporting structure of a refrigerator comprising "a support...which extends in a horizontal direction relative to the refrigerator, across a bottom surface of the refrigerator to support the bottom surface of the refrigerator," as recited in claim 1. Lundagards also fails to discuss "wherein the supporting bracket comprises a lower supporting part horizontally extended in a direction away from the base and connected to the support, a side supporting part upwardly extended from the lower supporting part and connected to the side surface of the base, and an upper supporting part bent from the side supporting part to support a lower part of the main body," as recited in claim 1. Further, Lundagards fails to discuss "a base provided in a lower part of the main body [of a refrigerator]" as recited in claim 1.

Instead, Lundagards discusses a locking device for locking an article to a support member. The locking device includes locking members each positioned underneath the article (see FIG. 2). The locking members include grooves wherein projections are moved into the each groove, respectively. In addition, the locking members discussed in Lundagards are extended in a direction toward the article, and therefore, the article should be slid to couple with the locking members. Further, the locking members 5 and 7 of Lundagards are not comparable to "a base providing in a lower part of the main body" as recited in claim 1, for example. In addition, locking members 4 and 6 do not extend in a horizontal direction across a bottom surface of the computer monitor shown in FIG. 1. Instead, the locking members 4 and 6 are merely positioned on respective bottom side portions of the computer monitor.

At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner admits that Lundagards fails to disclose "a refrigerator". However, the Examiner takes the position that it would be obvious to substitute one appliance for another where structural aspects of a supporting structure are similar. The Examiner's position is respectfully traversed. The Applicants respectfully submit that it would be difficult to couple a heavy weight article such as a refrigerator to the locking device of

Lundagards. That is, the supporting bracket of the present invention is for supporting heavy-weighted articles such as refrigerators, and the locking members (4,5, 6 and 7) of Lundagards which are connected slidably with each other cannot be applied to a heavy-weighted article such as a refrigerator. Therefore, it would not be obvious to one skilled in the art to use the locking device of Lundagards with a refrigerator.

Moreover, dependent claims 3-7 and 10-19 recite patentably distinguishing features of their own. For example, claim 3 recites "the supporting bracket further comprises an upper supporting part bent from the side supporting part to support a lower part of the main body".

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

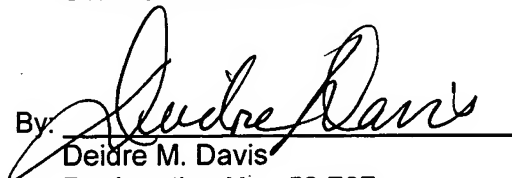
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